

# These are the top ice cream importing countries in the world

In 2016, approx. 1.2 million tonnes of ice cream were imported worldwide, remaining stable against the previous year figure. The total import volume increased at an average annual rate of +3.3% from 2007 to 2016; the trend pattern remained relatively stable, with somewhat noticeable fluctuations being recorded in certain years.



According to the report '*World: Ice Cream - Market Report. Analysis and Forecast to 2025*' recently published by IndexBox, the growth pace was the most rapid in 2010, when import increased by 13% from the previous year level. Global ice cream import peaked of 1.2 million tonnes in 2015, levelling off in the following year.

In value terms, ice cream imports totalled \$3.3 billion in 2016. The total import value increased at an average annual rate of +3.1% over the period from 2007 to 2016. The trend pattern remained consistent, with somewhat noticeable fluctuations being observed in certain years. Over the period under review, global ice cream imports attained its maximum level of \$3.5 billion in 2014; however, from 2015 to 2016, it failed to regain its strength.

## Top ice cream importing countries in the world

1. Germany (\$323.2 million)
2. United Kingdom (\$315.3 million)
3. France (\$228.2 million)
4. Netherlands (\$195.4 million)
5. Spain (\$180.8 million)
6. Belgium (\$169.8 million)
7. Italy (\$136.9 million)
8. Portugal (\$78.7 million)
9. Austria (\$77.7 million)
10. Denmark (\$67.3 million)
11. Sweden (\$66.3 million)
12. Czech Republic (\$51.5 million)

## Ice cream imports by country

The imports of the twelve major importers of ice cream, namely the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Denmark, Austria, Sweden and Czech Republic, represented more than half of total import.

From 2007 to 2016, the most notable growth rate of ice cream imports, among the main importing countries, was attained by Germany (+8.4% per year), while the other global leaders experienced more modest paces of growth.

In value terms, Germany (\$323 million), the UK (\$315 million) and France (\$228 million) constituted the countries with the highest levels of imports in 2016, together comprising 26% of global imports. These countries were followed by the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Austria, Denmark, Sweden and Czech Republic, which together accounted for a further 31%.

Belgium (+6.3% per year) had the highest growth rate of ice cream imports, among the main importing countries, over the last 9 year period, while the other global leaders experienced more modest paces of growth.

## **Ice cream import prices by country**

In 2016, the average import price for ice cream amounted to \$2,735 per tonne, ascending by 6% against the previous year. Overall, ice cream import price continues to indicate a relatively flat trend pattern. The most prominent rate of growth was recorded in 2008, when it surged by 13% year-to-year. In that year, average ice cream import price reached its maximum level of \$3,153 per tonne. From 2009 to 2016, growth of average ice cream import price stood at a somewhat lower level.

There were significant differences in the average import prices amongst major importing countries. In 2016, the country with the highest import prices was Belgium (\$4,135 per tonne), while Czech Republic (\$2,047 per tonne) was among the lowest.

From 2007 to 2016, the most notable growth rate of ice cream import prices was attained by Belgium (+4.5% per year), while the other global leaders experienced more modest paces of growth.

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